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Kevin J. Torek, et al.

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2003 (Paper No. 15), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 159 and 160 without prejudice to their underlying subject matter.

Please replace the respective claims with the amended claims below.

142. (Four Times Amended) A conditioning solution comprising:

a fluorine source, said fluorine source being selected from the group consisting of hydrofluoric acid, ammonium fluoride, and other fluorine donating chemicals;